

By: Delisi

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The congregation of First Baptist Church of Belton
2 is celebrating the sesquicentennial of the church's founding on
3 August 2-3, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, A dinner and worship service led by the Reverend
5 Andy Davis are planned for August 2, and guest clergyman Dr. Leroy
6 Kemp will present the sermon at the August 3 morning service; and

7 WHEREAS, Since its beginning, the church has been blessed
8 with the leadership of many fine individuals, including the
9 Reverend Martin Van Buren Smith, a respected leader in the Belton
10 community during the late 1800s; today, Reverend Davis shares his
11 understanding and counsel with those who seek his assistance; and

12 WHEREAS, First Baptist Church of Belton, located at 506 North
13 Main, has long been a haven of spiritual renewal in Bell County;
14 among its current missions are a Chinese Language ministry and the
15 Faith, Hope, and Love ministry, which offers support to former
16 prisoners and their families; further, the church sponsored a
17 mission in Morgan's Point Resort, which later developed into the
18 Fellowship Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the course of 150 years, the First Baptist
20 Church of Belton has remained a sanctuary of strength, comfort, and
21 inspiration, and it is a distinct pleasure to join in celebrating
22 its sesquicentennial of faithful service; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Reverend

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1 Andy Davis and the members of the First Baptist Church of Belton on
2 the joyous occasion of the church's 150th anniversary and extend to
3 them heartfelt wishes for a memorable and fulfilling observance;
4 and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the church as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.